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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No.: Inventor(s): Title:	01057 BLANTON et al. COMPACT, INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING TEST SAMPLES				
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents)

[X]	1.	47 pages of Specification, 8 pages of Claims (# of claims: 25) & Abstract;				
[X]	2.	Drawings (35 USC 113) Total Number of Figures: 38 Total Number of Sheets: 33				
[X]	3.	Declaration and Power of Attorney [X] a. Newly executed (original or copy) [] b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).				
[]	4.	The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.				
[]	5.	Preliminary Amendment				

[X] 6. Fee Transmittal (see below)

	Claims Filed		Extra		s	MALL	L	ARGE	AMOUNT
					\$	385.00	\$	770.00	\$ 770.00
Total Claims	25	Minus 20	5	x	\$	9.00	\$	18.00	\$ 90.00
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[]	7.	Small Entity Statement [] Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.						
[]	8.	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 [] Including copies of IDS citations (refs.)						
[]	9.	Certified Copy(ies) of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) were received in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No, of this application						
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[]	14.	Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission [] Computer Readable Form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing [] Paper copy of the Sequence Listing [] Statement verifying identity of above copies
[X]	15.	Assignment: [X] Assignment Document [X] Recordation Form Cover Sheet
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Respectfully submitted,

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